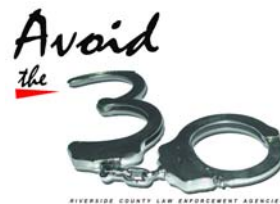




Avoid the 30 Riverside County



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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AVOID CAMPAIGN – UPDATE

DUI Arrests UP & DUI Fatalities Down

The Memorial Day Weekend DUI crackdown on drinking drivers is to the half way mark and has resulted in a large number of DUI arrests from the Sobriety Checkpoint, Special Saturation Patrols and routine patrol in the Riverside County "AVOID" DUI Campaign overnight.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, May 23, 2008, through Midnight, Saturday, May 24, 2008, officers representing 30 county law enforcement agencies have arrested **61**** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and no fatal collisions have been reported. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with many agencies yet to report**)

DUI arrest data collection will continue through midnight Monday, May 26, 2008. Law enforcement officials will be conducting more anti-DUI efforts throughout the county. Additionally, all CHP Areas throughout the state have 80% of all available officers patrolling freeways and county roads throughout the weekend.

Sunday, May 25th and Monday, May 26th DUI Saturation Patrols will be deployed in the cities across Riverside County.

MEDIA NOTE: Please visit the AVOID website at www.californiaavoid.org and the Riverside County AVOID website at www.avoidthe30.org for more information or contact your local police for ride-alongs. Statistical data on the number of DUI arrests and DUI fatal crashes will be released from the previous day's activities. The checkpoint locations and saturation patrols will be available for media opportunities or ride-alongs each night.

Avoid programs, named for the number of police agencies in each county, also concentrate on the Independence Day weekend as well as the 17-day August/Labor Day period. In recognition that summer season is among the deadliest time of the year, law enforcement agencies throughout the county will be making every effort to arrest drunk drivers before another life is lost.

**Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer:
Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1.**

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